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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(No Late Fee for Disclosure or Petition Required)

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicants submit the following information which may be material to the examination of this application.

Attached to this paper is a Form 1449 listing documents relating to the above-identified application. Copies of the references and information cited on the Form 1449 are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. It is also respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the attached Form 1449 be returned to applicants.

(check if applicable)

\_\_\_ A complete English translation of \_\_\_ is not readily available (Rule 1.98(c)). Accordingly:

\_\_\_ Applicants have enclosed an English translation of the abstract of \_\_\_, which was obtained from

\_\_\_ Attached is a search report which is in the English language wherein the reference is cited.

\_\_\_ In compliance with Rule 1.98(a)(3), applicants submit that the reference may be relevant in that it discloses \_\_\_\_\_.

Basis For No Fee Requirement

\_\_\_ The present information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months from the filing date of the above-identified patent application.

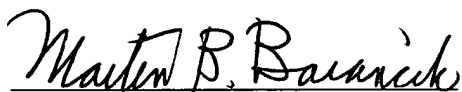
X The present information disclosure statement is being filed after three (3) months from the filing date of the above-identified patent application, but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits (i.e., at the time of mailing of the present Information Disclosure statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received by applicants).

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\_\_\_\_ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), it is certified that the references were recently discovered, and specifically, no item of information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this paper.

\_\_\_\_ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), it is certified that each item of information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, the information comprises a foreign Search Report issued in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed and the references cited thereon (which have not been previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office) are listed on a Form 1449, also enclosed. Applicants have also listed on the Form 1449 the presently known English language counterparts to the non-English language documents cited on the Form 1449.

In view of the above, applicants believe that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) or (c) have been met and that no fees are required for the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount which may be required for filing this paper, to Deposit Account No. 03-2455.

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2. Four (4) Patents enclosed
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Date: August 9, 2001